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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the cited non-U.S. document is also enclosed, as is a copy of a Japanese Office Action issued on October 25, 2004, in the Japanese counterpart of the present application.

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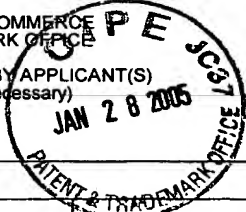
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